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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Craig J. Oliver, 52 years old, of Alexandria, Virginia, was sentenced today in United States District Court in Alexandria by The Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee to 20 years of imprisonment, \$2,546,357.32 restitution and 3 years supervised release for engaging in a fraud scheme through his home improvement businesses in Virginia, which defrauded 68 homeowners of \$2,546,357.32. Oliver was not present for sentencing and is wanted on an arrest warrant issued December 6, 2006.

From August 2002 until February 2005, Oliver managed, owned, and did business as Dominion Building and Construction Corp., Potomac Building Corp., Dominion Building and Construction of VA, Dominion Building and Construction Company of Virginia, Inc., Dominion Building and Construction Company, Dominion Building and Construction Companies and Thomas & Thomas Construction Company, Incorporated. These businesses were marketed as home renovation businesses in Virginia and Maryland. Oliver entered into contracts with homeowners in Virginia and Maryland for more than \$5.9 million.

Oliver made fraudulent statements to homeowners to induce them to contract with him and to continue making payments on projects. Oliver falsely claimed, among other things, that he possessed a contractor's license in Virginia, and that he was licensed to do business in Maryland. On one occasion, Oliver submitted an application for a contractor's license to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulations in Virginia, which contained a forged signature. He also obtained copies of construction licenses of three Maryland home improvement companies and used them to induce homeowners in Maryland to do business with his companies.

Oliver structured payments from homeowners to ensure that he would receive 80% of the agreed contract price in the first weeks of each contract. He made further misrepresentations to the homeowners to induce them to continue to make payments. Oliver completed the minimum amount of work on projects to collect large payments from homeowners and then abandoned the projects. Some of the work performed was substandard and the homeowners were required to correct the problems, as well as finish the projects themselves.

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As a result of this scheme, more than 68 homeowners in Maryland and Virginia lost more than \$2.5 million. As part of Oliver's plea, he agreed to pay full restitution to all of the homeowners.

The United States Marshals Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are actively seeking to locate and arrest Oliver. The Marshals' flyer on Oliver is at the end of this release.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Virginia Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation (VA DPOR), Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and the Maryland Home Improvement Commission (MHIC). Assistant United States Attorney Robert C. Erickson handled the prosecution for the United States.

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By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: OLIVER, CRAIG JOHN
Alias: OLIVER, CRAIG J; OLIVER, CRAIG JOHN;
OLIVER, JOHN

Sex..... MALE

Race..... WHITE

Date of Birth..... 02/14/1953

Place of Birth..... DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

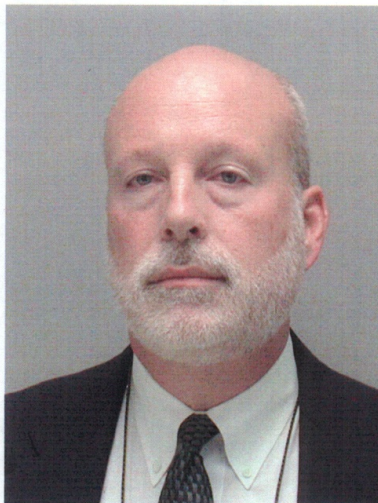
Height..... 6'02"

Weight..... 190 pounds

Eyes..... BLUE

Hair..... BROWN

Scars/Tattoos..... SCAR ANKLE, RIGHT



OLIVER pled guilty to Wire Fraud in Alexandria, VA on October 3, 2005. OLIVER's scam defrauded 68 homeowners of over \$2.5 million. OLIVER was released pending sentencing and fled in the company of his wife, Jennifer Oliver (AKA Jennifer Simmons, Jennifer Harris), in late November 2005. OLIVER may seek work in the Home Renovation Sales/Home Improvement industry. Individuals with information should call the U.S. Marshals Service at 1-877-WANTED2.

<http://www.usdoj.gov/marshals>

NOTICE TO ARRESTING AGENCY: Before arrest validate warrant through National Crime Information Center (NCIC). If arrested or whereabouts known, contact the nearest United States Marshal's Office or call the United States Marshals Service Headquarters at 1-877-WANTED2.

